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Subject: The MUFTI's preparation for guerrilla war.

The following information concerns the activities of the MUFTI in the Levant States in the latter half of July and has been received from a tried source.

Attitude to the Cease-Fire

i. The MUFTI was indignant at the acceptance of the cease-fire by the Arab League and has decided to conduct guerrilla warfare in Palestine. He intends to set up his own headquarters in Bethlehem.

ii. He expects to receive money, arms and equipment from the Arab Governments. He maintains that he can already provide 5,000 men fully armed (probably Palestinians trained at the Jatah camp in Syria) and that he will recruit others from Palestine and the surrounding states.

Fawzi Kaukji

iii. On 21st July, the MUFTI was induced by the Lebanese Minister of Defense to meet Fawzi Kaukji at Alep in the Lebanon. The MUFTI proposed that Kaukji should join forces with him in conducting irregular warfare in Palestine. Kaukji, who had just severed his connection with the Lebanese army command in order to operate independently in Palestine, willingly agreed.

Intelligence Network.

iv. The network of agents and informers previously maintained by the MUFTI in Palestine and the Levant States has been seriously dislocated by the recent hostilities. At present his chief agents are stated to be:

Jerusalem-Saadaddin al-Ari'  
Jericho-Ali Muhammed Huseini  
Nablus-Faisal al-Nabulus  
Hebron-Sheikh Abdur-Rahman Arafat  
Jenin-Abdul-Afi al-Masini  
Liaison officers between the MUFTI and his followers in Palestine are:  
Munir Abu-Padel  
Yassir al-Timany  
Ibrahim Abu-Diya  
Khaled al-Husseini.

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